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FINAL TWO MEXICAN MEN CONVICTED OF HOSTAGE- TAKING EACH RECEIVE 10 YEARS IN PRISON

TUCSON, Ariz. -- The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on October 1, 2004, Eduardo Loriel Soto, DOB 12/9/78, and Andres Torres-Castro, DOB 11/9/82, of Mexico were sentenced to 120 and 121 months in prison, respectively, to be followed by three years supervised release. The two pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Hostage Taking in federal district court by in Tucson, Ariz.

The defendants had been charged with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1203. A conviction for conspiracy to commit hostage taking carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The prosecution is being handled by Gerard M. Guerin, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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